

THE WALLACE OFFICE

Located at the corner of Gay and Church Streets is a small, attractive Greek Revival structure, one of the few buildings in Cambridge to reflect this style of architecture which was popular in the mid-19th century. This rectangular one story building has stuccoed exterior walls, a hip roof, and a hip roofed portico supported by Doric columns. Now the headquarters of the Dorchester Educators, this was originally the office of Colonel James Wallace, who lived in the 18th century house which once stood to the rear of this office, known as The Hill or Wallace Mansion. This is one of the earliest surviving commercial structures in Cambridge.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Old Wallace Office

AND/OR COMMON

The Dorchester Educators Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gay Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER

Dorchester

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Educators Bldg.

NAME

Dorchester County Public Library

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 168

Folio #: 255

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small and attractive building, now used as an office by the Dorchester Educators, is one of the few structures in Cambridge that reflects the influence of the Greek Revival style. It is a one story structure with stuccoed walls and a hip roof that rises to a peak. There are two chimneys on the north side. The front door, which has two long rectangular panels, is flanked by sidelights with diamond shaped panes and has a large rectangular transom light above, also with diamond shaped panes. Pilasters frame the door. In front of the door is a portico, supported by two Doric Columns, with a hip roof.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small building is significant as one of the few examples of Greek Revival influence in Cambridge, and also as one of the earliest surviving commercial buildings in this town. It was the office of Col. James Wallace, who lived in the house known as The Hill or The Wallace Mansion which once stood to the rear of this office where the parking lot of the Dorchester County Public Library is today.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/30/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cambridge

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

301 Gay Street
Cambridge, Maryland

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This building is one of several professional offices dating from the nineteenth century that are still standing in Cambridge in the Courthouse area. Unlike the others on Court Lane or High Street, this office is currently vacant. It was originally part of the mansion property known as "The Hill." In 1971 the house was torn down, but the office was allowed to remain on the corner of Gay and Spring Streets. This office was built before 1852 and has served as the law office of Colonel James Wallace and others in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Since 1940, the property has been in the possession of the city of Cambridge.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

Will Records.

Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.

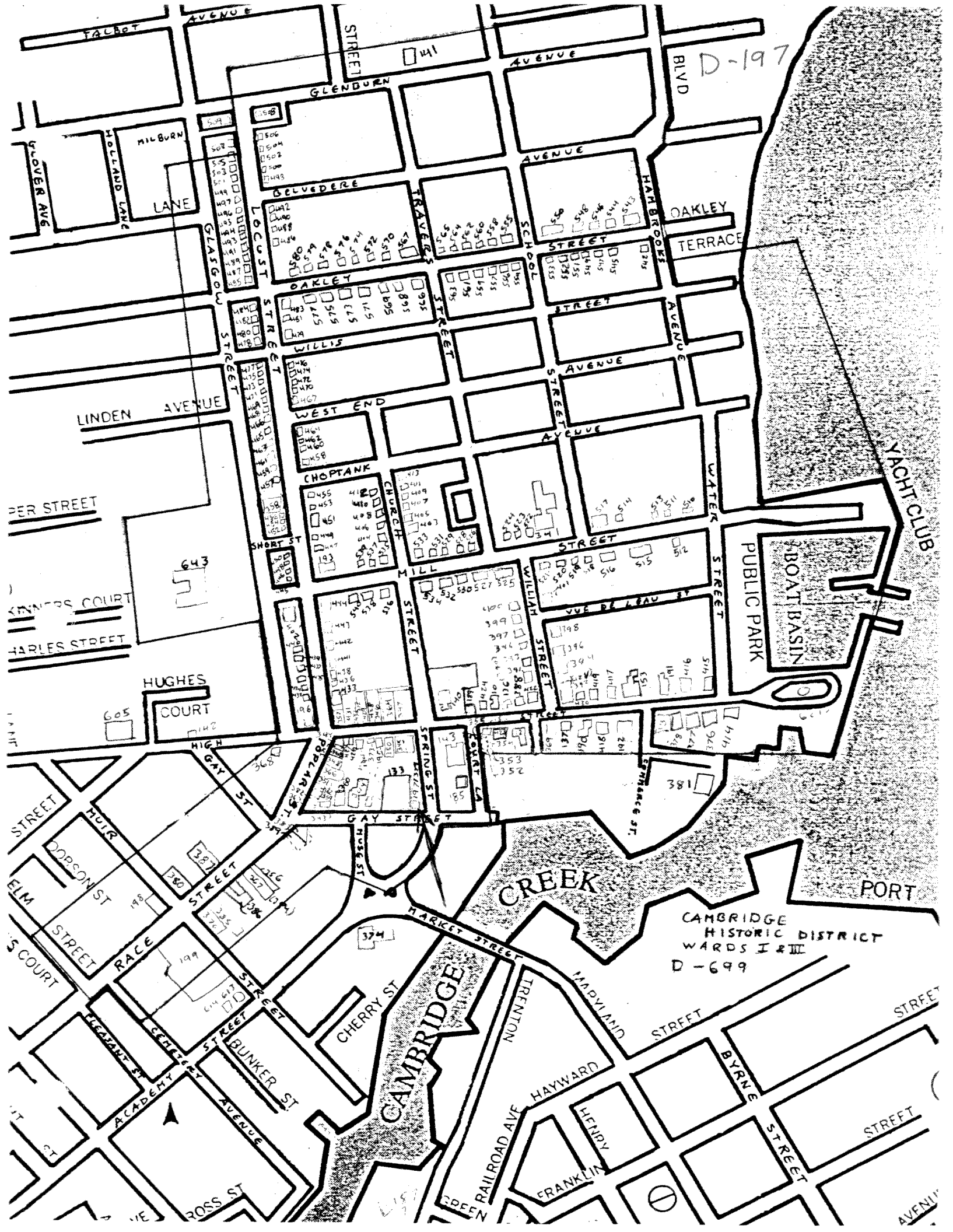
Assessment Records.

Research by;

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COUNTY	VICINITY	2. NAME	Wallace Office
TOWN		DATE OR PERIOD	
STREET NO.		STYLE	
ORIGINAL OWNER		ARCHITECT	
ORIGINAL USE		BUILDER	
PRESENT OWNER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT USE			
WALL CONSTRUCTION			
NO. OF STORIES			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p>On the west corner of Gay and Church Streets stands a small Greek Revival Office structure now used as an office by the Dorchester Educators. It is a rectangular hip roof masonry structure with small hip roof doric portico. The walls are stuccoed and scored to resemble ashlar masonry, and the entrance has a two panel door with transom and side lights having diamond panes. The cornice has a simple course of machine-made 19th Century scrolls and a deep fascia which is part of the wall. On the N. E. side of the building there are two chimneys.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael O. Bourne, Field Surveyor Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Road Annapolis, Md. 21401 DATE OF RECORD	





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City of San Francisco

March 1

San Francisco

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